1 ## ABSTRACT

2 The present invention relates to a method for performing negative selections -- i.e.,

3 identifying agents that can eliminate a cell from a population. More specifically, the

4 invention relates to a method using oligonucleotides covalently linked to a solid

5 support, such as beads, to isolate specific labeled nucleic acid sequences that encode

6 agents which kill or arrest growth in a cell.

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